

LIST OF TOWING / HEAVY EQUIPMENT COMPANIES CONTACTED FOR BLOCKADE ASSISTANCE

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On January 31, 2022, 2 towing companies attended a staging area near the blockade, and were on standby for towing services. They committed to returning the following day to again provide services for blockade vehicle removal.

On February 1, 2022, all of the companies that agreed to attend the scene advised they would not be attending to provide service.

As a result of losing this service, contact was made with the companies listed in this document in an attempt to secure towing and / or crane services to assist the RCMP with semi truck removal from the blockade on Highway 4 near the Port of Coumts, Alberta.

All of the companies with semi truck towing capability in Alberta that have been contacted have refused to provide service, with the majority citing the reason being they didn't want to be involved in dealing with the blockade. Some companies had single employees that wished to assist, however, their request was either denied by their managers or their drivers refused to go. One company received an anonymous cash donation from a blockade supporter, as the companies that normally contract for the RCMP are publicly known. Social media backlash toward these companies has become common, and some have contained veiled threats.

We have reached out to numerous companies in BC and Saskatchewan, however, they are not available to travel or are not interested in providing service due to not wanting to get involved in the situation.

	COMPANY	LOCATION	PHONE	REASON FOR REFUSAL
1		Lethbridge		Unwilling
2		Calgary		Busy with collisions
3		Medicine Hat		Busy / driver shortage
4		Medicine Hat		No drivers
5		Medicine Hat		Unwilling / poor optics
6		Medicine Hat		Will not assist
7		Taber		Seeking permission

	COMPANY	LOCATION	PHONE	REASON FOR REFUSAL
8	Ronco Oilfield	Medicine Hat	855-860-4873	Unavailable
9	Mullen Trucking	Aldersyde	403-652-8888	Unwilling to assist
10	MMM Oilfield	Medicine Hat	403-529-0166	No longer in service
11	Flynt Oilfield	Medicine Hat	403-529-1761	No equipment
12	Marco Trucking	Medicine Hat	403-504-1656	Unable to assist
13	Sonic Oilfield	Medicine Hat	403-504-0678	Not in service
14	Smith Trucking	Brooks	403-362-4071	Refusal / fear of backlash
15	Border Transport	Lethbridge	403-874-4230	No response
16	Mammoet Trucking	Pincher Creek	403-339-6174	Unwilling to assist
17	Energy Crane	Cranbrook, BC		Refusal, advised crane will not work due to
18	Maple Creek Towing	Maple Creek, SK		Refusal
19	Low Cost Towing	Swift Current, SK	306-773-5922	Refusal
20	Freightliner Towing	Cranbrook, BC	250-417-6654 / Myles Chisholm	Reluctant, not willing to commit
21	Van Horne Towing	Cranbrook, BC		Refusal
22	EFM Towing	Cranbrook, BC		Refusal
23	Cold Country Towing	Cranbrook, BC		Refusal
24	Border Transport	Lethbridge	403-320-7325	Refusal
25	Mammoet Trucking	Calgary	403-252-0551	Refusal
26	Mammoet Trucking	Pincher Creek	403-339-6174	Refusal
27	Stampede Crane	Redcliff	403-529-7909	Refusal
28	LMT Crane Service	Dunmore	403-527-1562	Not interested

29		Redcliff		Unable to help
30		Saskatoon		Too busy with storm, concerned about backlash
31		Saskatoon		Refusal
32		Red Deer		Willing to assist but don't have equipment that can deal with heavy items like semis. Have a backhoe and bulldozer or needing cars or debris moved.
34.		Nisku, AB		No equipment available as it is on consignment. Reached out to industry contacts and indicated that any assistance provide to police would cripple their business
35.		Calgary		No equipment for rent or lease available
36.		Leduc		Situation explained will speak to management. No call back as of 2022/02/03
37.		Brooks, AB		Cannot be involved, as owners do not want the bad publicity or repercussions.
38.		Airdrie/Balzac		Not enough staff or equipment.
39.		Warner County		Spoke with [REDACTED]. Helpful for providing locations and geographical reference. Insufficient team members to assist.
40.		Edmonton/CAD		Spoke with [REDACTED]. Able to provide only one 2-tonne truck – 5500.
41.		Edmonton		Unsuitable – No Correct Gear
42.		Edmonton		Unsuitable – No correct gear
43.		Edmonton		Spoke with [REDACTED]. Able and willing to help, but no drivers will assist due to bad press and publicity issues. Can still offer one truck, but only the one 1-tonne.
44.		Coaldale		Cannot assist.
45.		Taber		No response.
46.		Calgary		Spoke with [REDACTED]. Unable to assist – resources and optics.
47.		Calgary		Unable to assist at present moment, but may assist if protesters and cameras gone.

48.		Calgary		Left message for – no response back.
49.		Calgary/Drumheller		Unsure if wanting to help.
50.		Calgary		Can provide one flat deck!

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